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Polish and Soviet Troops in Bad Landeck (Ladek Zdroj).

25X1 1.  the large health resort, Hotel Schlosspal, located on Seitenberg Street and near the health resort park was occupied by about three companies of Polish infantry. The hotel had been converted into military billets in the fall of 1950. The soldiers wore red cap bands and red patches. When marching out of their billets, they carried only rifles and submachine guns. (1)

2. Soviet soldiers of all ranks were observed in the town and in the health resort installations. The area was considered a recreation center of the Soviet Armed Forces. It was common knowledge that the installations were subordinate to a headquarters in Liegnitz (O 52/B 82).

Polish Troops in Hirschberg (Jelenia Gora).

25X1 3.  a Polish division headquarters was observed in the former office of weights and measures in Hirschberg (O 51/G 68). The three-story building, which was about 30 meters long, was located on the southeastern perimeter of the town on the east side of the road to Schmiedeberg (O 51/G 67) and about 150 meters northwest of a swimming pool. In early 1949, it first became known in the town that a Polish division headquarters had occupied that building. Numerous Polish officers wearing red, dark-blue, green and yellow cap bands were observed communicating in the building. (2)

25X1 4.  Polish officer candidates were observed in the town area individually and in small groups. The soldiers wore dark-blue trousers with wide red stripes at the outside seams and dark-blue caps with red bands. The pinpoint location of the officer candidate school was not known; however, source knew from hearsay that the school was located in a cantonment situated north of the railroad station and near an athletic field. (3)

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5. Source knew of three barracks installations at the northern exit of the town on the west side of Gruenauer Street; one of the same, the former Infantry Barracks, which was located north of the railroad line, was occupied by a Polish unit having soldiers who wore yellow cap bands. (2) [redacted] soldiers wearing red and green cap bands were observed in the Neumann and Hubertus Barracks located south of the railroad line. The Walderssee Barracks, which was located on the northwestern perimeter of the town beside a hospital on Hospital Street and whose drill hall was destroyed, was occupied by a unit having soldiers who wore red cap bands. The same cap bands were observed [redacted] in the former Artillery Barracks located at the southeastern exit of the town. No heavy weapons were observed at the above mentioned barracks installations. (4) 25X1

6. A Polish military office was located in the former Freemasons' house on Hospital Street opposite the Walderssee Barracks. Up to ten passenger cars were temporarily parked in front of the building, and numerous Polish officers visited there. 25X1

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) The present report is the first to mention a military occupation of Bad Landeck. A battalion of the 27th Mecz Regt, which is carried in Glatz, may have been located there.
- (2) According to a previous report, the headquarters of the 10th Inf Div, which is now carried as a mechanized division, was located in a building on Aleja Gen. Swierczynskiego, which may be identical with the former office of weights and measures mentioned in the present report. According to the available records, the blue and green cap bands belong to Internal Security (KSW) and Border Guard (WOP) units respectively. Yellow cap bands are allegedly worn exclusively by members of the 1st Div Kosciszko in the Warsaw area. However, the yellow service color may be worn by members of other units or schools.
- (3) A previous report stated that an officers' candidate school was located in Hirschberg as early as July 1950. Judging by the dark blue caps it may be a school for cadets.
- (4) The units wearing red cap bands are believed to belong to elements of the 10th Mecz Div, the headquarters as well as a mechanized regiment and an artillery regiment of which are carried in Hirschberg. The units wearing green cap bands are fairly definitely believed to be WOP units which were previously reported as located in Hirschberg.

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